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## House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Friday, September 2, 2005, at 1 p.m.

## Senate

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2005

The Senate met at 10:02 p.m., pursuant to section 2 of H. Con. Res. 225 of the 109th Congress, and was called to order by the Honorable THAD COCHRAN, a Senator from the State of Mississippi.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Pursuant to the authority granted by section 2 of H. Con. Res. 225 of the 109th Congress, the Speaker of the House and the majority leader of the Senate, acting jointly and in consultation with the minority leaders of the House and Senate respectively, have determined that the public interest warrants a convening of the Senate at this time, notwithstanding the order of July 29, 2005.

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Eternal Lord God, Creator of land, sea, and sky, we come humbly into Your presence awed by nature's power and saddened by the tragic losses caused by Hurricane Katrina. We enter Your throne room more aware of the fragility of life and more cognizant of the many unanswered questions that reverberate in our hearts. We need You now more than ever.

Lord, let Your presence be felt in our land. As multitudes seek to rebuild their lives, give them wisdom and courage. Bring healing to the sick and provisions to the destitute. Comfort those who mourn, and guide our leaders as they seek to grapple with the challenges of today and tomorrow.

We pray in Your sovereign Name. Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable THAD COCHRAN led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,  
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,  
Washington, DC, September 1, 2005.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable THAD COCHRAN, a Senator from the State of Mississippi, to perform the duties of the Chair.

TED STEVENS,  
President pro tempore.

Mr. COCHRAN thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

### RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

### LETTER OF NOTIFICATION

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that a letter of no-

tification relating to section 2 of H. Con. Res. 225 be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

SEPTEMBER 1, 2005.

DEAR COLLEAGUE: Pursuant to section 2 of House Concurrent Resolution 225, after consultation with the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives and the Minority Leader of the Senate, we hereby notify the Members of the Senate to reassemble at 10:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 1, 2005, and the Members of the House of Representatives to reassemble at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, September 2, 2005.

Sincerely,

J. DENNIS HASTERT,  
Speaker of the House.  
WILLIAM H. FRIST, M.D.,  
Majority Leader of the Senate.

### HURRICANE KATRINA

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, on behalf of my colleagues and fellow Americans, I come to the Senate floor to extend my heartfelt sympathies to the victims of Hurricane Katrina and to reassure the thousands of families suffering from this tragedy that we are committed to providing all of the relief and support necessary to get through this terrible and ongoing crisis. It is unprecedented, and it is unfolding before our eyes. Thus, this is a highly unusual emergency session we are conducting tonight.

As the President has said, our first priority is saving lives. At this very moment, relief organizations and faith-based volunteers are working valiantly to provide food, shelter, water, and

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